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Mr. Shawn Musgrave  
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Dear Mr. Musgrave,

We are in receipt of the enforcement order concerning your appeal on the release of records regarding the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR). This letter is to inform you that the information of which you had asked, does not exist in the Peabody Police Department. You may recall having a conversation with me, the Police Chief, some months ago, wherein I indicated that A.) We do not possess a policy for the ALPR and B.) we do not have a policy on the use or retention of that data beyond the storage capacity of the manufacturer. Enclosed you will find an instructional sheet concerning the ALPR.

Additionally, we do not share that data with any other agency. We were, and currently still are seeking best practices and models for our in-house policy.

You may be aware that there are multiple pieces of legislation pending at the State House seeking to regulate the collection and use of this data. The combination of lack of accredited models and legislative instruction or enabling law, has stalemated the production of our in house policy. As such, we are unable to produce the policy that you request, as it does not exist.

Sincerely,

  
CHIEF ROBERT L. CHAMPAGNE  
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